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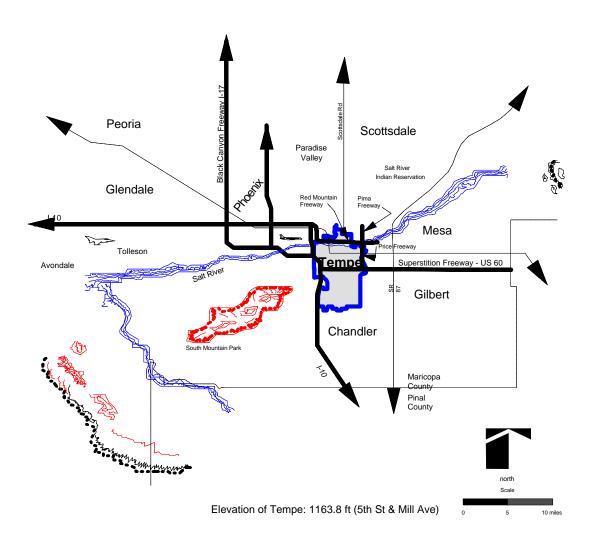


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Metropolitan Map

Tempe enjoys a strategic location within the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. Residents and businesses established in Tempe are well served by the Superstition Freeway, I-10 Freeway, the Red Mountain Freeway, located north of Downtown Tempe, and by the new Price Freeway that links the Red Mountain and Supertition Freeways. Other strategically located modes of transportation include the Union Pacific Railroad which runs along or close to industrial areas and Sky Harbor International Airport, within 10 to 20 minutes of any location in Tempe. These facilities provide an important service to businesses that rely on air, rail and truck shipments to sell their products in Arizona, the U.S. or other countries. The map below depicts Tempe's strategic location within the Phoenix Metropolitain Area.



Introduction



1999 was the year of the grand opening of the Tempe Town Lake, a dream born from a design project at Arizona State University's College of Architecture during the mid 1960's. In 1999, that dream became a reality. A new commitment to neighborhood reinvestment and the beginning of construction on another long-term project, the Brickyard a muti-use development in Downtown, are other examples of the dynamic year Tempe had.

New growth remained strong as indicated with the addition of 1,767,342 square feet of commercial space and with the total building permit valuation of \$273,759,900.

Most of the new growth has been in the form of reinvestment on existing buildings or infill of under-utilized parcels. Businesses as well as citizens continued investing in Tempe through expansions, remodeling and/or upgrades of their properties during 1999. Over \$94 million in permitted construction for additions and rehabilitation of existing buildings was processed, reflecting strong confidence in Tempe's economic growth.

The residential construction industry was also very active in Tempe. 296 new single family homes and 415 new apartment units were approved in 1999. The area of greatest demand for new single family homes was South Tempe, where 191 new single family homes and 243 apartments were approved. The other dynamic area was North Tempe, in the Vicinity of, Scottsdale Road and Weber Drive. Tempe's development future will present opportunities for infill or redevelopment of land in the Apache Boulevard Redevelopment Area and areas in and around Downtown Tempe and Arizona State University.

The American Association of Landscape Architects recognized Tempe with the Medallion of Merit Award for the Mill Avenue Streetscape. This recognition is an indication of Tempe's commitment to continue improving the living environment with quality development and providing the highest quality of life for its citizens.

Tempe, a city with a population of 160,000, produces over 140,000 jobs, or over 1,000 jobs per square mile. It continues to be a dynamic city for high tech industry, demonstrated by the recent influx of Internet businesses. The addition of Internet related businesses further the creation of new jobs, adding to Tempe's long-term financial stability and laying the foundations for progress into the new millennium.

Section Map

The map below shows the City of Tempe section numbers used throughout this report. The numbers with an "N" or "S" suffix are section numbers for Townships North or South (each Township has 36 sections). Numbers start from left to right, then down right to left. For example, all section numbers north of Baseline Road and west of Price Road are referred to as within Township 1 North, Range 4 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, City of Tempe, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, (T1NR4E).

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